STOCKS DECLINE UNDERLIQUIDATION

Short Selling Influenced by Unfavorable Money Conditions.

PRESENTS A PARADOX

Wall Street Expects a Still Lower Range of Prices for Several Days to Come.

EFFECT OF TREASURY RELIEF

Short Sighted Speculators Inclined to Regard Government Aid as Inexhaustible.

present value, is determined by the income tions, most of vield, as reviewed from the investor's fer to have provided the control of the cont standpoint, improve as they decline, for to establish a the lower they go while their yield remains. Of course a the lower they go while their yield remains. Of course a market weakens more rathe same the more they return in the per-idly under the selling of long stock, su centage of dividend or interest based upon as has been in progress off and on sin January than he show will be a stock.

in calling attention to this seeming par-presence of genuine liquidation. Pa-sdox, the fact is not overlooked that some at the nuisse allows discribation curities have a prospective value in the at uture through possible increases of div- hands at first or developments of one nature or nother which render it difficult to gauge that they return. All that is well enough indense and credit, who are willing to hay first moderately and then, as prices decline further holder who is carrying more speculative holder, who is carrying more cline furth recurities than he ought to upon margins, as much as it does the real holder, who has Interest in oald eash for them. The speculator may be perfectly right in his belief of future dement or increased disbursements, but S does not help him at all if his funds pu are gone, his credit exhausted and he is

No one can determine this question ce and value precisely any more than the that roperty. It is determined by many connot one or a few, and it canmine of the security as collateral, and V its alone or in combination with other bossi all benefits of his bargain. That is an pla-

pparently most limited. It does seem apt to kets bm ine that they can only see improveient in high and still higher prices. Busi- st old" act as though the buying and sell- s ng of securities were a thing apart from realize he principles governing the buying and elling of four yard sheeting, standard i orines or any other articles. They know did in 1902. of their own experience that to buy these price and terms and "dating" to rece the cost to the lowest notch. Yet r seem to want to buy them when all reckless crew in the market is paying tiffable gh prices for them. When these same caluable, as gauged by income yield, more c

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lique operations give—all contribute to he belief that liquidation is likely to con

Process of Lightdation.

Process of Liquidation.

Liquidating movements are not necessarily continuous. Such markets become oversoid from time to time, or some news of a favorable character develops, maybe, and prices experience recovery. Or it may suit the purposes of some powerful interests or who are hanging on the ragged edge hoping for some upon the prices which will enable them to get out with only a small loss or with, perhaps, some profit. Nevertheless, securities, the value of which, if they have seen to some instances have been known where powerful interests have liquidated on a declining scale under cover of apparent hearish operations, most of these big campaigners pre-

Treasury Relief.

not oven highly satisfactory. At nomic history shows that it was less than the respective, but enough interest has been decay in the negotial properties, but enough interest has been decay in the sale of the Walsh railroad properties, but enough interest has been acrossed to suggest that the rail and coal properties will bring at least \$25,000,000. There is serious talk that they will go as less advanced to justify the extenowing from Europe. It is so adown to be a serious talk that they will go as less than the railroad properties will be a serious talk that they will go as less advanced to justify the extenowing from Europe. It is so adown to be a serious talk that they will go as light as \$23,000,000. Local steel men are preparing for the biggest year they have ever had. New boats, including dockage and an enlargement of the facilities for handling the present situation.

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GRAIN SURPLUS IN THE WEST

Bulls Discouraged at Chicago Owing to Lack of Foreign Outlook.

General Business Good and Bank sto Clearings for February Establish a Record.

MONEY RATES ARE STILL FIRM

Whils legitimate trade is booming, the between \$135,00,000 a speculative spirit in Chicago is at a low public Iron and Steel With an immense surplus of all kinds of th ground to stand upon. In consequence brices have been going down for mark

Steel Becoming Active.

Sets of the Chicago National Bank and Equilibria Trust and Savings Bank are gliquidated slowly, but thus far on tilisfactory basis. Conservative judges manyial circles express the bellef that the American railway market prices and the Chicago National Chicago National Bank and UPHOLDS MONEY SYSTEM that "There's no — nonsense of merit about it."

In the American railway market prices all down the list are, on balance, sub-

hear the Schwab holdings and was owned by a few men with fluie capital. They came to Pittsburg for financial assistance. It looked good to the Pittsburgers and they advanced \$200,000 and organized Cable Con-solidated. Their paper profits are esti-mated at \$5.500,000, made in less than eight months.

Fear Coal Strike. SPECULATION LAGGING There are only two dark spots, the strong of the structural fromworkers against American Bridge Company and the po-

steel Men Are Preparing for the Heaviest place of effective support as recovering purchases by and some belated pool and lons give—all contribute to a liquidation.

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SOUTHWEST ACTIVE.

to. The simple law of Heavy Demand for Money in St. Louis Owing to the Lively Spring Business.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.] is lacking in the cereal trade conditions never exhibited better money but inclination to employ it. acking in the cereal state of the control of the control of the prospects in the closing days of February live stock business, and the opening days of March than they should be showed that recent large importation of the cereal statement. Thursday's excellent bank statement, which showed that recent large importations of the cereal statement.

on."

Business at the banks last week seemed to denote preparation for the spring dustices of \$10,500. It and has not awkened nors local bankers. It is of financiers that Chicago not stand in need of any the government. There is hey hold, to meet all the town banks that the rate averaged five to she business. A deposit to be returned in four dered unattractive, especificulty were encountered to secure the deposit.

Character that there is any important that the first productions are for a continued to secure the deposit.

Character that there is any important that the first productions are for a continued which must eventually benefit by the remarkable expansion of traffic now being tracted of a developmental regularly reported. But one can only say

of the Cause of the Pres-

Affected by Fall in Kaffirs and Restricted Money Supply.

SET THE LOSSES ARE HEAVY

will Healthier Conditions Are Impossible by £850,000 (\$4,405,000). Until the Weak Speculators Are Eliminated.

AMERICAN RAILWAY MARKET

Prices All the Way Down the List Are in

rily, and though some instances in known where powerful inter-liquidated on a declining scale were content be big campalgners pre-type of apparent bearish operation of the increase in business in a better basis from which to see a market weakens more rap-type of long stocks, such sen in progress off and on since than by short selling. In fact, cannot be effective without the of genuine liquidation. Part of datton actually represents, and utset always, distribution at a cocks pass from strong to weaker holders weak. As prices decline the weak smust refax their grasp, and the such as the content of the selling of the selling of weaker holders weak. Since there is no doubt. It will reach there is no doubt. It will reach the like period in previous papers in the country will be larger this year than over before in this top pay their differences.

Bank clearings for February suggest the ealthiness of the general business situation. These clearings were not the largest for any Pebruary, the increase being the liquidation. Part of datton naturally represents, and utset always, distribution at a cocks pass from strong to weaker the dearings for the first two months of the suggest of the progress of flower of the suggest of t

Company.

The United States Steel Corporation will naturally head the list, with earnings of between \$135,00,000 and \$140,000,000. The Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Report of the street of the bound of the street of the debtors are not very numerous. It is Consul Kellogg, at Colon, reports that

other departments will then move accord- tons to South Pacific points.

Investment Stocks Well Bought. Other departments of the Stock Ex- all countries in sales change, though to a considerable extent that country, selling \$2,374,000 worth affected by the South African débâcle, are Consul General Rodgers, at Sh ing home rallway prior charges, have been Sr. Louis, Mo., Sunday.-Financial and thus proving that the public has not only

Farmers are get. did last week, and there are substantial idons of gold were only partially offset by the largest which St. Louis and the Southfall both in Europe, west ever have enjoyed. The damaged to tude toward the other Powers at the Al- Gold coin geciras conference.

Business in the home rallway market thing during the week consisted for the most T nd part of a little buying by investors genand of a great deal of liquidation of state

ing money into the bank. On balance, herefore, the market is almost, if not stomary end of quarter pressure. Meanwhile, however, the Bank is con nulng to grow in strength. During last ceived from abroad and in spite of the DOUBTS ABOUT RUSSIA expansion of internal circulation of both

RAND OUTPUT OF GOLD.

February's Total Shows Substantial Increase Over Corresponding

Month a Year Ago. LONDON, Sunday, "The preliminary estimate of the output of gold at the Rand February places the production at Those Recorded at the Week End Below 425,000 fine ounces, against 428,038 fine ounces in January and 363,811 fine ounces in February, 1995.

This table gives the output of gold at he Rand for a series of years

Tot. \$53,6384,897,2213,771,6722,966,7461,764.404 respecting the Algedras conference, with

FOREIGN TRADE GROWS and alarms early this week.

South America, Austria-Hungary and

Fortunately, the account open for the mately to \$22,100,000. Imports were \$10,- on that

beyond question also that a good deal of the total freight carried over the single the rest of the market will separate itself that of 1903. Freight traffic from the from the mining department and that United States in 1904 increased by 4,500

OUTSTANDING CIRCULATION.

FINANCIAL.

LINCOLN TRUST COMPANY

Madison Square, New York

Interest on balances of both active

Some Fear Expressed That the

Morocco Conference May

Cause Depression.

Sombre Aspect of the Empire's Finan-

cial Situation Is Reflected

in France.

OUOTATIONS ARE AFFECTED

the Best, but Money Rates Are

Still Low.

[SPECIAL CABLE TO THE HERALD.]

The Herand's European edition publishes The Bourse was fairly firm last week, though Saturday's quotations were under

EUROPE LENDS HAND.

Foreign Lending to New York More

Extensive Than Ever Before

Except in 1902.

No. 49 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris, Monday.

FINANCIAL.

and dormant accounts at rates justified by the condition of the money market.